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1. The Shipbuilding Central Management, located in Belgrade, is a part of the Ministry of National Defense and its chief is Lieutenant General Ivan Rukavina, a Communist and former partisan. This governmental agency has the following sections:
 - a. Planning Section.
 - b. Power or Technical Section, whose chief is a certain engineer Prica. Although Prica is a member of the Communist Party, he is reportedly not a convinced Communist.
 - c. Commercial Service Section, headed by a certain Lieutenant Colonel Markovic, a Communist.
 - d. Capital Building Section, whose head is Hugo Gazin and who reportedly is not a Communist.
 - e. Personnel Section.
 - f. Security Section, whose chief is Colonel Vlado Loncaric, a UDB man. He controls UDB organizations in all enterprises under the Shipbuilding Central Management.

The Shipbuilding Central Management controls:

- a. The General Directorate of Industry for Ship Machinery, located in Susak.
 - b. The Direction of Northern Shipyards, located in Susak.
 - c. The Direction of Southern Shipyards, located in Split.
 - d. The Direction of River Navigation, located in Novi Sad.
2. The General Directorate of Industry for Ship Machinery is an institution of military character. It is located in Susak in the former bank building near the Hotel Continental. Personnel includes:

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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- a. General Director: Colonel Jesa Popovic, a Montenegrin Communist and former partisan.
- b. Chief Engineer: Engineer Srb.
- c. Assistants: Engineer Dadamos; Engineer Jelic (formerly director of the Rikardo Bencic enterprise).
- d. Secretary: Vera Nonkovic, a Titoist Communist.
- e. Chief of Planning: A certain Nonkovic, a former postal employee, a Communist and the husband of Vera Nonkovic.
- f. Commercial Director: Pero Kuljis (alleged to be an outstanding opportunist and a UDB informant).
- g. Chief, Commercial Departments: Major Matkovic, a Titoist Communist and former partisan.

The General Directorate of Industry for Ship Machinery manages:

- a. The Construction Bureau.
- b. The Alexander Rankovic enterprise in Rijeka.
- c. The Rikardo Bencic enterprise in Rijeka.
- d. The Vulkan enterprise in Susak.
- e. The Svetlost enterprise in Rijeka.
- f. The Edvard Kardelj enterprise in Karlovac.
- g. The Vladimir Bekaric enterprise in Samobor.
- h. The Precision Mechanics enterprise in Zadar.

Management of all these enterprises is in military hands. In spite of the fact that they also perform work for the Federal Ministry of Marine and the Ministry of Merchant Marine, these enterprises are reported to be military institutions.

- 3. The former Central Bureau for Projects of the Directorate of General Shipbuilding under the Yugoslav Ministry of Defense, has been transformed into the Construction Bureau, which is now subordinated to the General Directorate of Industry for Ship Machinery. All those auxiliary enterprises not employed in building the hulls of ships are no longer part of the Directorates for Northern and Southern Shipyards but have become a part of the General Directorate of Industry for Ship Machinery.
- 4. The Construction Bureau, under the General Directorate of Industry for Ship Machinery is located in Villa Olga near the Parc Hotel in Susak. The chief of this Bureau is Vilko Steinbach, a non-Communist Slovene from Celje. The Bureau employs approximately seventy engineers and technicians, mostly draftsmen from the construction department of the Alexander Rankovic enterprise, some of whom are Germans. The Bureau's responsibility is to draft component parts of ship machinery and to design new parts. Since the Bureau works for all enterprises managed by the General Directorate of Industry for Ship Machinery, some of its employees work in those enterprises, and certain employees of the enterprises work in the Bureau.

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